

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium, comprising:
a contents area configured to record a contents file, the contents file including contents data and supplementary data corresponding to said contents data;
a database area, separate from the contents area, configured to record a database file, the database file including said supplementary data corresponding to said contents data included in the contents file,
wherein a reproducing apparatus having ~~an insufficient~~ a small memory capacity accesses said supplementary data included in the contents file, and a reproducing apparatus having a sufficient memory capacity accesses said supplementary data included in said database file.

2. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 1, wherein a data size of said supplementary data included in said contents file and the data size of the supplementary data included in said database file are prescribed to maintain the identity of said supplementary data included in said contents file and the supplementary data included in said database file.

3. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 1, wherein said contents data includes digital audio data, and
said supplementary data includes data of a title, an artist's name, and an album name, the data of said title, said data of the artist's name, and said data of the album name are stored in respective different database files.

4. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 1, wherein said computer-readable storage medium is a disc-shaped recording medium on which recording is made by a recording head.

5. (Currently Amended) A recording method, comprising:
recording, on a predetermined recording medium, a contents file including contents data and supplementary data corresponding to said contents data; and
recording, on said predetermined recording medium, a database file including said supplementary data corresponding to said contents data included in said contents file,
wherein the database file is recorded in a database area and the contents file is recorded in a contents area, separate from the database area.

6. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus, comprising:
recording means for recording, on a predetermined recording medium, a contents file and a database file, said contents file including contents data and supplementary data corresponding to said contents data, and said database file including said supplementary data corresponding to said contents data included in said contents file,
wherein the database file is recorded in a database area and the contents file is recorded in a contents area, separate from the database area.

7. (Currently Amended) A reproducing apparatus, comprising:
readout means for reading out supplementary data stored in a contents file from a recording medium having recorded thereon said contents file and a database file, said contents file including contents data and said supplementary data corresponding to said

contents data, and said database file including said supplementary data corresponding to said contents data included in said contents file; and

outputting means for outputting the supplementary data, included in said contents file, read out by said readout means,

wherein the database file is recorded in a database area and the contents file is recorded in a contents area, separate from the database area.

8. (Previously Presented) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising:

reproducing means for said contents data,

wherein said readout means reads out the contents data included in said contents file, and

said reproducing means reproduces the contents data read out from said readout means.

9. (Currently Amended) A reproducing apparatus, comprising:

readout means for reading out supplementary data stored in a database file, from a recording medium having recorded thereon a contents file and said database file, said contents file including contents data and said supplementary data corresponding to said contents data, and said database file including said supplementary data corresponding to said contents data included in said contents file; and

outputting means for outputting the supplementary data, included in said database file, read out by said readout means,

wherein the database file is recorded in a database area and the contents file is recorded in a contents area, separate from the database area.

10. (Previously Presented) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising:

reproducing means for said contents data,

wherein said readout means reads out the contents data included in said contents file,

and

said reproducing means reproduces the contents data read out from said readout means.

11. (Previously Presented) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein a plurality of the contents data are recorded on said recording medium;

said outputting means forms said supplementary data into a list and displays the resulting list; and

the reproducing apparatus further comprises

selecting means for selectively reading out at least one of said supplementary data displayed on said outputting means, the contents data corresponding to the supplementary data selected being read out from said recording medium and reproduced.

12. (Currently Amended) A reproducing apparatus, comprising:

readout means for selectively reading out, from a recording medium having recorded thereon a contents file and a database file, supplementary data included in said contents file and the supplementary data included in said database file, said contents file including contents data and said supplementary data corresponding to said contents data, and said

database file including said supplementary data corresponding to said contents data included in said contents file; and

outputting means for outputting the supplementary data read out by said readout means,

wherein the database file is recorded in a database area and the contents file is recorded in a contents area, separate from the database area.

13. (Previously Presented) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising:

reproducing means for said contents data,
wherein said readout means reads out contents data included in said contents file, and
said reproducing means reproduces the contents data read out from said readout means.

14. (Previously Presented) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein a plurality of the contents data are recorded on said recording medium;

said outputting means forms said supplementary data into a list and displays the resulting list; and

the reproducing apparatus further comprises

selecting means for selectively reading out at least one of said supplementary data displayed on said outputting means, the contents data corresponding to the supplementary data selected being read out from said recording medium and reproduced.

15. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus, comprising:

a recording unit configured to record, on a predetermined recording medium, a contents file and a database file, said contents file including contents data and supplementary data corresponding to said contents data, and said database file including said supplementary data corresponding to said contents data included in said contents file,

wherein the database file is recorded in a database area and the contents file is recorded in a contents area, separate from the database area.

16. (Currently Amended) A reproducing apparatus, comprising:

a readout unit configured to read out supplementary data stored in a contents file from a recording medium having recorded thereon said contents file and a database file, said contents file including contents data and said supplementary data corresponding to said contents data, and said database file including said supplementary data corresponding to said contents data included in said contents file; and

an outputting unit configured to output the supplementary data, included in said contents file, read out by said readout unit,

wherein the database file is recorded in a database area and the contents file is recorded in a contents area, separate from the database area.

17. (Currently Amended) A reproducing apparatus, comprising:

a readout unit configured to read out supplementary data stored in a database file, from a recording medium having recorded thereon a contents file and said database file, said contents file including contents data and said supplementary data corresponding to said contents data, and said database file including said supplementary data corresponding to said contents data included in said contents file; and

an outputting unit configured to output the supplementary data, included in said database file, read out by said readout unit,

wherein the database file is recorded in a database area and the contents file is recorded in a contents area, separate from the database area.

18. (Currently Amended) A reproducing apparatus, comprising:

a readout unit configured to selectively read out, from a recording medium having recorded thereon a contents file and a database file, supplementary data included in said contents file and the supplementary data included in said database file, said contents file including contents data and said supplementary data corresponding to said contents data, and said database file including said supplementary data corresponding to said contents data included in said contents file; and

an outputting unit configured to output the supplementary data read out by said readout unit,

wherein the database file is recorded in a database area and the contents file is recorded in a contents area, separate from the database area.

19. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium according to claim 1, wherein

the contents area is configured to record a second contents file including second contents data and second supplementary data corresponding to said second contents data, and

the database area is configured to record the database file including said supplementary data and said second supplementary data included in the contents file and the second contents file, respectively.

20. (Previously Presented) The recording method according to claim 5, wherein the recording the contents file comprises recording a second contents file including second contents data and second supplementary data corresponding to said second contents data, and

the recording the database file comprises recording the database file including said supplementary data and said second supplementary data included in the contents file and the second contents file, respectively.

21. (Previously Presented) The recording apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the recording means records a second contents file including second contents data and second supplementary data corresponding to said second contents data, and records the database file including said supplementary data and said second supplementary data included in the contents file and the second contents file, respectively.

22. (Previously Presented) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the readout means reads out the supplementary data and second supplementary data, stored in the contents file and a second contents file, respectively, from the recording medium, the recording medium having recorded thereon the second contents file including second contents data and the second supplementary data corresponding to said second contents data and the database file including said supplementary data and said second supplementary data included in the contents file and the second contents file, respectively.

23. (Previously Presented) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the readout means reads out the supplementary data and second supplementary data stored in the database file, from the recording medium having stored thereon a second contents file

including second contents data and the second supplementary data corresponding to said second contents data and the database file including said supplementary data and said second supplementary data included in the contents file and the second contents file, respectively.

24. (Previously Presented) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the readout means selectively reads out said contents file and said database file from the recording medium, the recording medium having recorded thereon a second contents file including second contents data and second supplementary data corresponding to said second contents data and the database file including said supplementary data and said second supplementary data included in the contents file and the second contents file, respectively.

25. (Previously Presented) The recording apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the recording unit is configured to record a second contents file including second contents data and second supplementary data corresponding to said second contents data, and to record the database file including said supplementary data and said second supplementary data included in the contents file and the second contents file, respectively.

26. (Previously Presented) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the readout unit is configured to read out the supplementary data and second supplementary data, stored in the contents file and a second contents file, respectively, from the recording medium, the recording medium having recorded thereon the second contents file including second contents data and the second supplementary data corresponding to said second contents data and the database file including said supplementary data and said second supplementary data included in the contents file and the second contents file, respectively.

27. (Previously Presented) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the readout unit is configured to read out the supplementary data and second supplementary data stored in the database file, from the recording medium having stored thereon a second contents file including second contents data and the second supplementary data corresponding to said second contents data and the database file including said supplementary data and said second supplementary data included in the contents file and the second contents file, respectively.

28. (Previously Presented) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the readout unit is configured to selectively read out said contents file and said database file from the recording medium, the recording medium having recorded thereon a second contents file including second contents data and second supplementary data corresponding to said second contents data and the database file including said supplementary data and said second supplementary data included in the contents file and the second contents file, respectively.